

The Hazel Dell Township School #1

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This report has meager content at this time. It holds two photo(s) from Virginia Larsen.

The one-room rural Hazel Dell #1 school served the northeastern portion of Hazel Dell Township in Pottawattamie County, Iowa, north of Council Bluffs. It was often called the Denmark School because of the large number of Danish immigrants living within the district boundary. It was located about four miles west and a mile north of Underwood. The district occupied Sections 1, 2, 11 and 12 of Hazel Dell Township and originally consisted primarily of rolling prairie with some woods.

My aunt, Florence (Larson) Larsen, taught at the Hazel Dell #1 school for several years around 1930.

The Hazel Dell #1 School was probably closed in the 1950s.

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For an 1875 map and a current map of Boomer Township, see my report *Boomer and Hazel Dell Townships Overview*.

I would appreciate hearing from you if you have further photos with identifications. My contact information is in the *Acknowledgments and Sources* section of *Boomer and Hazel Dell Schools*.



Hazel Dell #1 "Denmark" School c. 1931

(photo from album of Florence (Larson) Larsen)

Known Hazel Dell #1 Teachers

- c. 1930 Florence Larson, d/o Andrew & Maggie Larson of Hazel Dell Twp., m. Bernard Larsen.
- 1943-44 Orlee Nelson, Underwood, d/o Hans & Hilma Nelson of Hazel Dell Twp., m. Clinton Erickson.
- Lillian Darrington?
- 1946-47 Irene Clausen
- 1956-57 closed

Elaine (Bondo) Hoyer Jun 2010: Her teachers at Hazel Dell #1 included:
 Agnes Christoffersen (married Ervin Rasmussen);
 Esther Bertelsen (married Jack Bolliger);
 Orlee Nelson (married Clinton Erickson);
 Esther Olsen (married Bernard Nelson)
 Lois Barritt (married Max Guill and then Vern Oloff).
 One of Rev. Siersbeck's twins taught her younger siblings.
 She did her practice teaching under Lillian Darrington.



Closeup - Students at Hazel Dell #1, 1931

photo from album of Florence (Larson) Larsen

Back: Billy Barnett, Stanley Nelson, Howard Jenson, Rue Hough, Francis Jenson

Front: Zolabeth Barnett, Bernice Jenson, Orlee Nelson, Honor Hough, Gene Jenson,
Virginia Hough



Students at Hazel Dell #1, 1931

The above children organized into families:

Children of Ralph M. Barnett and Gertrude H. Hampel:

- William O. "Billy" Barnett (27 Sep 1922 - m. Alma E. Kortmeyer)
- Zolabeth "Zoe" Barnett married Ivan "Ike" Leonard

Children of Oscar H. Hough and Mabel F. Driver:

- Rue O. Hough m. Laverna Nelson
- Virginia Marguerite Hough m. Hans Franklin "Franklin" Hemmingsen
- Honor Clara Hough m. Herman H. "Pete" Stange

Children of George Henry Jenson and Dora Christine Nelson:

- Gene Bernice Jenson m. Ernest Laurits Christoffersen

Children of Harry Elmer Jenson and Winifred Rae Nusum:

- Francis Lynn Jenson m. Ethel Irene Erickson
- Howard Stanley Jenson m. Margie Lee Griffin
- Bernice Mae Jenson m. Eldon Gerald "Dane" Nielsen

Children of Hans Rasmus Nelson and Hilma Matilde Sandberg:

- Stanley Clifford Nelson m. Selma Vorthmann
- Orlee Ione Nelson m. Clinton Junior Erickson